



Concealed Firearm Instructor Updates and Reminders

September 9, 2011

1. **The concealed firearm permit application has been updated and placed on BCI's website. Please discard all old applications and start using the new one. The new applications reflect BCI's new zip code and business hours. [Click the link to go to the new application.](#)**

June 8, 2011

1. Effective **July 1, 2011** the Zip Code for BCI's physical address will be changed to **84129**. All forms and applications will be updated to reflect the change.

June 6, 2011

1. With the passage of First Substitute HB 257, any applications that BCI receives on or after June 1st will have their permit suspended if BCI does not receive sufficient fingerprints for the FBI to process. If the applicant's fingerprints are rejected, the applicant will receive a letter stating they have 30 days to comply with a new set of fingerprints. If the applicant does not comply, their permit will be suspended until BCI receives a new set of fingerprints.

May 16, 2011

1. The Minimum Training Curriculum has been updated to reflect the new statutory changes.

May 5, 2011

1. **The concealed firearm permit application has been updated and placed on BCI's website. Please discard all old applications and start using the new one. The new applications reflect the fee changes and other statutory mandates. [Click the link to go to the new application.](#)**
2. **BCI's zip code will be changing effective June 1, 2011. The postal service has yet to inform BCI of the new zip code. Applications will again be updated at that time. After June 1, 2011, please ensure you're providing your students with the most current application to avoid problems with the postal service when mailing the applications into BCI.**

April 1, 2011

1. A newsletter has been created and posted on BCI's website. The newsletter explains the new laws set to take effect after May 10, 2011 pertaining to concealed firearm permits and instructors. A copy of the newsletter is also being mailed out to instructors. [Click the link to read a copy of the newsletter.](#)

February 15, 2011

1. As of February 14, 2011, First Substitute Senate Bill 36, Concealed Firearm Act Amendments, had passed both houses of the Utah Legislature. The bill must still be signed by Governor Gary Herbert before it may become effective. If signed by the Governor, the bill will go into effect on May 10, 2011.

To find out more about what changes this bill makes to the Concealed Firearms Act, you may read the full text of the bill at:

<http://le.utah.gov/~2011/bills/sbillamd/sb0036s01.pdf>

February 7, 2011

1. **Effective immediately, the prerequisite of the practical certification will only be required upon initial application for a concealed firearm permit instructor and will not be required to be maintained current thereafter, i.e. (NRA Certification, Utah P.O.S.T.) etc.**

January 3, 2011

1. BCI is open Monday through Thursday (7am-6pm), closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. No mail will be received on days the Bureau is closed. Please remind your students if they intend to overnight or mail an application certified mail, to mail the application packet accordingly.
2. On January 1, 2011 Iowa was added as a state Utah has recognition status with. The minimum training curriculum was also updated to reflect the change.
3. **Reminder:** Some states will not honor the Utah concealed firearm permit or any other permit, if you're a resident of that state. Residents of that particular state must obtain a permit issued by that state, in order to legally carry a concealed firearm. BCI does not track these states because weapons and firearms laws vary significantly from state to state and can change quickly as a result of government mandates and court decisions.

December 6, 2010

1. The bureau has set up this new section in order to provide detailed, up to date information regarding changes to the program and updates in law and /or reminders. This format will better assist instructors and remove the need for sending out a newsletter. Anytime an update or change is made, the change will be posted here. Please review this section from time to time in order to ensure you are teaching the most up to date information and providing your students with the most current application, etc. This is especially important after each legislative session, since there is a possibility of changes to existing state statutes.
2. **Reminder:** U.C.A. 53-5-704 (9) A certified concealed firearm permit instructor shall provide each of the instructor's students with the required course of instruction outline approved by the bureau. Instructors are allowed to expound on or create their own addendum to the curriculum, but not detract from it.

3. The Minimum Training Curriculum has been updated. The revision date is **November 9, 2010**. The changes include minor spelling and grammar corrections.
4. BCI will now accept US Passports as a form of verifying United States legal residency or citizenship. This only applies to applicants born outside the United States.
5. As of November 1, 2010, BCI adopted a set of administrative rules. Administrative rules assist with clarifying existing state statute. A copy of the administrative rules has been linked to the **Concealed Firearm Law and Rule Reference tab**. Please take time to review the new administrative rules.

Two notable portions contained within the administrative rules are the adoption of disqualification time frames and the definition of moral turpitude:

R722-300-4(5)(b) If the applicant does not meet the qualifications set forth in Subsection 53-5-704(2)(a) because the applicant has been convicted of a crime, the bureau may find that mitigating circumstances exist if the applicant was not convicted of a registerable sex offense, as defined in Subsection 77-27-21.5(1)(n), and the following time periods have elapsed from the date the applicant was convicted or released from incarceration, parole, or probation, whichever occurred last:

- (i) five years in the case of a class A misdemeanor;
- (ii) four years in the case of a class B misdemeanor; or
- (iii) three years in the case of any other misdemeanor or infraction.

R722-300-3(k) "offense involving moral turpitude" means a crime under the laws of this state, any other state, the United States, or any district, possession, or territory of the United States involving conduct which:

- (i) is done knowingly contrary to justice, honesty, or good morals;
- (ii) has an element of falsification or fraud; or
- (iii) contains an element of harm or injury directed to another person or another's property

6. BCI taught instructor classes for 2011 have been posted on the website.
Reminder: Instructors, who are set to expire, should schedule a BCI renewal course several months in advance. Reason being, the increase of interest has classes filled months in advance. **No walk-ins will be accepted.**
7. Recently, representatives of the bureau have sat in on various Utah concealed firearm permit classes. The bureau would like to offer a few recommendations when teaching concealed firearm permit classes:
 - Keep your class size to a manageable size
 - Maintain a positive learning atmosphere
 - Teach your classes in a knowledgeable, professional and ethical manner
 - Avoid undue distractions i.e. allowing students to arrive late, leave early, teaching unrelated topics, etc.
8. The notary section has been removed from instructor and concealed firearm permit applications. There is now a section where the applicant is required to sign and date the application where the notary section previously was.

9. **Reminder:** When teaching Utah concealed firearm permit classes, you must teach the Utah class in its entirety. This policy change occurred at the beginning of 2010. Before, instructors were allowed to teach multi-states permits, and then teach a block on Utah law and other Utah pertinent material. As long as all the topics were covered within the minimum training curriculum, the class was accepted. This changed for several reasons. One being numerous applicant/permit holders complained that they left the classes confused and/or felt the Utah portion of the class was neglected or very rushed. The process also diminished the Utah permit. Meaning an individual could take another state's permit, and if the applicant wanted a Utah concealed firearm permit, an additional hour or two would be added to the class. Please make sure when teaching Utah concealed firearm permit classes, you teach the Utah class from start to finish without intermixing other permits during the process.
10. Please make sure you are providing your students with the most current application. The most current application is available on BCI's website. There is a revision date at the bottom of the application to assist you in determining if you have the most current version. The current revision date is **December 2010**.